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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Takeshi OKUDA, et al.

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For: **MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE
MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 23, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002 for two months from July 22, 2002 to September 22, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

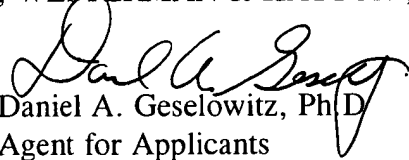
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